Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.7 percent between January 2009 and February 2009 while the Canada All-items Index also advanced 0.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index increased from January 2009 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, travel tours, men's clothing and personal care supplies and equipment. Prices also rose for furniture, child care and domestic services and mortgage interest cost.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, sugar and confectionery and preserved fruit and fruit preparations. Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and fuel oil and other fuels.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.6 percent between February 2008 and February 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.3 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2008 primarily due to increased prices for mortgage interest cost, housing replacement cost, rent, property taxes (including special charges) and natural gas. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants and fresh vegetables.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, telephone services and fuel oil and other fuels.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Feb. 2009	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.5	115.7	0.7	2.6
Food	120.5	120.4	0.1	8.2
Shelter	141.0	140.6	0.3	8.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.8	101.9	0.9	1.2
Clothing and Footwear	97.2	95.5	1.8	-0.2
Transportation	105.6	104.2	1.3	-6.6
Health and Personal Care	108.8	108.0	0.7	3.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.3	101.6	0.7	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.3	130.3	0.8	1.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.2	114.7	0.4	3.3
Energy	128.5	125.5	2.4	-3.3
CANADA				
All-Items	113.8	113.0	0.7	1.4
Food	121.2	120.6	0.5	7.4
Shelter	123.2	123.1	0.1	3.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.4	105.7	0.7	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	93.6	91.8	2.0	-0.5
Transportation	110.2	108.8	1.3	-5.8
Health and Personal Care	110.4	110.4	0.0	2.5
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.1	99.7	1.4	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.2	129.2	0.0	1.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.7	112.1	0.5	2.5
Energy	127.2	123.8	2.7	-8.8
REGINA				
All-Items	116.4	115.6	0.7	3.3
SASKATOON				
All-Items	117.8	116.9	0.8	2.4

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009
Canada	0.7	1.4
Newfoundland	0.4	0.9
Prince Edward Island	1.4	1.0
Nova Scotia	0.8	0.4
New Brunswick	0.8	0.3
Quebec	0.7	0.8
Ontario	0.6	1.5
Manitoba	0.6	1.7
Saskatchewan	0.7	2.6
Alberta	1.1	2.1
British Columbia	0.4	1.5
Whitehorse	0.6	3.3
Yellowknife	0.2	2.0
Iqaluit	0.0	3.1

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009
St. John's	0.5	1.3
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.4	1.2
Halifax	0.7	0.4
Saint John	0.6	0.4
Quebec City	0.7	0.8
Montreal	0.6	1.0
Ottawa	0.6	1.8
Toronto	0.6	1.7
Thunder Bay	0.7	1.8
Winnipeg	0.6	1.7
Regina	0.7	3.3
Saskatoon	0.8	2.4
Edmonton	1.1	2.4
Calgary	1.0	2.4
Vancouver	0.4	1.6
Victoria	0.4	1.5
Whitehorse	0.6	3.3
Yellowknife	0.2	2.0
Iqaluit	0.0	3.1

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